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| 1 | the an | With regard to the elements of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)): Description, pages: | | | | | |
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| 6. | Add | itional observations, i | f necessary: | | | |
| III. | Nor | n-establishment of o | pinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability | | | |
| 1. | | | e claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non- ally applicable have not been examined in respect of: | | | |
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;

Form PCT/IPEA/409 (Boxes I-VIII, Sheet 2) (July 1998)

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citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes:

Claims 6-7, 16-17

No:

Claims 1-5, 8-15, 18, 20

Inventive step (IS)

Yes:

Claims 6-7, 16-17

No:

Claims 1-5, 8-15, 18, 20

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes:

Claims 14-20 partially

Claims No:

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made: see separate sheet

EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

- 1. Claims 1-13 and 14-20, only as far as in vivo application is concerned, relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).
- 2. No opinion will be given for those parts of the application which have not been the subject of a search report.

Moreover, and as already stated in the search phase, support within the meaning of Art. 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Art. 5 PCT is to be found for only a very small number of compounds within the scope of the present application, namely the compounds disclosed in dependent claims 3-7 and 15-20 of the present application.

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement The Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the present opinion expressed as to the novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability refers only to the matter for which an international search report has been drawn up.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO-A-9820027

D2: WO-A-9816551

D3: WO-A-9708313

D4: US-A-5955311

D5: European Heart Journal, vol. 18, Suppl., 24 Aug. 1997, p. 4 (& I. Zachary et al)

D6: Human Gene Therapy, vol. 8(15), 10 Oct. 1997, pp. 1737-44 (& M. Laitinen et al)

D1 discloses compositions containing vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) or VEGF receptor agonists for treating NO-linked conditions, such as intimal hyperplasia, hypertension or atherosclerosis (see claims 1-7, 14-15, page 6, lines 4-10 and page 10, line 25- page 11, line 29). The subject matter of claims 1-5, 8, 10-15 and 20 of the present application does not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

D2 nd D3 also discloses compositions containing VEGF variants for treating diseases characterised by undesirable vascularization, such as atherosclerosis (see D2 claims 1-15 and page 5, line 23 and D3 claims 1-32 and page 35, lines 2-12). The subject matter of claims 1-2, 4, 8-15 and 18 does not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

D4 discloses compositions containing monoclonal antibodies against the VEGF receptor and their use in treating neoplastic and non-neoplastic conditions characterised by excessive angiogenesis (see column 6, line 11-column 7, line 36). The subject matter of claims 1 and 4-8 does not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

D5 (see abstract) and D6 (see abstract and page 1743, left column) disclose that VEGF stimulates NO production and suggests that administration of VEGF of VEGF transfer may be used for treating vascular smooth muscle cell proliferation associated with restenosis. The subject matter of claims 1-3 and 8-13 does not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

Re Item VI

Certain documents cited Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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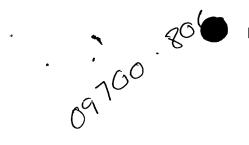
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Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

Claim 1 does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. No technical characteristics are given for the VEGF receptor agonist. The claim attempts to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem. The technical features necessary for achieving this result should be added.





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| It is also accompanied by | a copy of each prior art document cited in this | report. | | | | | |
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| 2. X Certain claims were fou | nd unsearchable (See Box I). | | | | | | |
| 3. Unity of invention is lack | king (see Box II). | | | | | | |
| 4. With regard to the title , | | | | | | | |
| X the text is approved as su | bmitted by the applicant. | | | | | | |
| the text has been establis | ned by this Authority to read as follows: | | | | | | |
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| 5. With regard to the abstract, | | | | | | | |
| the text is approved as submitted by the applicant. | | | | | | | |
| the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority. | | | | | | | |
| 6. The figure of the drawings to be publ | shed with the abstract is Figure No. | 1B | | | | | |
| X as suggested by the appli | eant. | None of the figures. | | | | | |
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| because this figure better | characterizes the invention. | | | | | | |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 1-2, 8-14 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds acting as VEGF receptor agonists. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the the use of compounds as disclosed in claims 3-7 and 15-20 of the present application,

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC 7 A61K38/18 A61P9/04

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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| Y Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. | Patent family members are listed in annex. |
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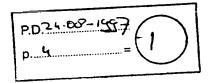
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148 Vascular endothelial growth factor stimulates nitric oxide production and prostacyclin synthesis in human umbilical vein endothelial cells

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Recent findings suggest that VEGF, a specific endothelial cell mitogen and potent angiogenic factor, may reduce neo-intima formation in the rat carotid balloon injury model of restenosis. The mechanism (s) involved are, however, unclear. We have shown that VEGF production by vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMC) is induced by hypoxia, growth factors and cytokines. This prompted us to examine whether VEGF could induce the production by endothelial cells of factors which could in turn exert paracrine inhibitory effects on VSMC proliferation. Treatment of human umbilical vein endothelial cells with VEGF induced the rapid and concentration-dependent formation of nitrite, a measure of nitric oxide (NO) synthesis via the endothelial NO synthase. In 10 independent experiments, the maximum mean stimulated rate of nitrite formation was approximately 1 nmol/106 cells/min (n = 10). In addition, our results also showed that VEGF induced a striking concentration-dependent increase in production of the prostacyclin PGI₂ as determined by radioimmunoassay of 6-keto PGF₁₀, the stable breakdown product of PGI2. Cultured HUVECs constitutively produced TGF- β_1 , but VEGF had no apparent effect on production of active TGF- β_1 . Since NO and prostacyclins are both potent inhibitors of VSMC proliferation in vitro, these findings suggest that VEGF can potentially regulate VSMC proliferation in arteries indirectly by stimulating the production of endothelium-derived inhibitory factors. These results support the hypothesis that VEGF may function as a homeostatic factor in adult blood vessels contributing to the regulation of VSMC proliferation and suggest a completely novel mechanism of action for this important cytokine. These results further suggest that administration of VEGF or VEGF gene transfer may offer a novel therapeutic strategy for the inhibition of VSMC proliferation associated with neo-intima formation in restenosis and stenosis following either angioplasty or arterial bypass surgery.

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| 2 | Applicant | GENENTECH, INC | C., et al. | |
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